

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006 – 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 37 new fires reported. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Florida and Virginia.

The National Interagency Fire Center has requested assistance from the Department of Defense for MAFFS air tanker support. Mission Commander Lieutenant Colonel Mike Exstrom from the 153rd Air Wing based in Cheyenne, Wyoming, two MAFFS C-130 air tankers and support personnel from the 145th Tactical Airlift Wing based in Charlotte, North Carolina are providing support. The MAFFS are based in Albuquerque, New Mexico in support of the Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) is in place in Granbury, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack within the 220,000 square mile West Zone fire management response area. In addition, the Type 2 Incident management Team (Hinds) is working in support of West Texas IA, they will be supporting extended attack fires in the zone. No new fires were reported. Much of the area received precipitation. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE, Oklahoma State. An Oklahoma State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Roberts) is assigned in Shawnee, OK. The Team is assisting local, state, and federal jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma National Guard is assisting with two helicopters. No new fires were reported. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative ABC Miscellaneous fire activity statewide since January 1.

CHAMBERS, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is six miles west of Bartlesville, OK in timber and grass. Dozers made significant progress with containment. No new information was reported.

SALLISAW CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land 16 miles northwest of Sallisaw, OK in hardwood litter and logging slash. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

NO MAN'S LAND, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is seven miles west of Black Springs, AR in hardwood litter and brush. The fire received precipitation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,326	NR	UNK	299	0	18	9	0	5.2M	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OXS	117,022	NR	UNK	148	0	26	0	0	8.7M	ST
CHAMBERS	OK	OSA	5,498	90	UNK	75	0	27	0	0	100K	BIA
SALLISAW CREEK	OK	OXS	110	75	3/20	5	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
NO MAN'S LAND	AR	OUF	10,100	90	UNK	29	1	1	0	0	NR	FS
LADNER	MS	MSS	1,507	100	UNK	32	0	8	0	0	NR	ST

MSS = Mississippi Forestry Commission

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Western Texas for the Northwest Hill Country and Edwards Plateau for gusty winds to near 40 mph and minimal Relative Humidity in the mid to upper teens.

Fire Weather Watches: West-central and south-central Texas today for gusty surface winds (to 35 mph south, otherwise 10 to 20 mph) and Relative Humidity lowering into the thirties (Southwest Texas) but otherwise widespread 40 to 60%.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough moving out of the Rockies into the Southern Plains will bring dry, windy weather to southern New Mexico and west Texas. High pressure will bring another day of low humidity to the Mid-Atlantic States.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Much drier and very windy southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas. Otherwise, breezy and seasonably cool with a few rain and snow showers across the remainder of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas.	50 to 70 across most lower elevations of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas. 30 to 50 across the higher elevations, plus northeast New Mexico and adjacent west Texas.	15 to 25% southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas. 20 to 40% or greater across the remainder of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas.	West 20 to 30 mph and gusty southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas. Becoming north 15 to 25 mph northeast New Mexico and parts of adjacent west Texas. West to southwest 10 to 25 mph across the remainder of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas.
Southern Area West-Central and Southwest and South-Central Texas: Partly cloudy with slight thunderstorm chance north.	Near 60 northern areas to near 90 south	Teens west to 30% coast.	Gusty NW 10 to 35 mph
Eastern Area No information was reported.			
Rocky Mountain No information was reported.			



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ESCAPE ROUTES

An escape route is a preplanned and understood route to reach a safety zone.

What are the primary concerns in choosing an escape route?

- Select the closest, least obstructed route.
 - Plan for more than one escape route.
 - Avoid an uphill escape.
 - Scout and clearly mark the route for visibility (aids during smoky situations or night operational periods).
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- Determine escape time--consider slowest person, fatigue, and temperature factors.
 - Continuously reassess the situation with regard to work progress and additional resource arrivals.
 - Assure all line personnel are familiar with escape routes.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					54		54
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					33	2	35
	ACRES					470	1	471
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	34	3	37
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	524	2	526

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES					64	8	72
	ACRES					1,530	1,244	2,774
Southern California	FIRES		4				16	20
	ACRES		10				503	513
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1		1	4	1	7
	ACRES		100		223	28	10	361
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		1			8
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	107	26	1	24	152	121	431
	ACRES	667	1,331	431	3,490	196,493	11,933	214,345
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	6	7	2	96	20	138
	ACRES	307	0	407	0	82,838	7,319	90,871
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		1	6	1,795	120	1,923
	ACRES	1		5	57	30,449	2,511	33,023
Southern Area	FIRES	297		90	12	13,194	341	13,934
	ACRES	21,639		11,208	1,405	1,370,401	22,935	1,427,588
TOTAL	FIRES	412	46	99	46	15,308	627	16,538
	ACRES	22,665	1,460	12,051	5,176	1,681,768	46,455	1,769,575

Five Year Average Fires	5,751
Five Year Average Acres	75,779

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		50					50
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	50	0	0	0	50	100

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		81	5			14	100
	ACRES		1,978	298			111	2,387
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	2		47	67
	ACRES	101	219	1,324	6		704	2,354
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			47	53
	ACRES		284	24			1,400	1,708
Northern Rockies	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		598					598
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	4				1	6
	ACRES	4	754				178	936
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	7	2	2			42	53
	ACRES	318	35	320			6,298	6,971
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	4	23	5	12	57	104
	ACRES	401	110	6,082	74	361	5,621	12,649
Eastern Area	FIRES			17	4	171	54	246
	ACRES			1,214	1,512	18,224	16,206	37,156
Southern Area	FIRES			90	8	186	499	783
	ACRES			40,733	6,124	97,509	385,687	530,053
TOTAL	FIRES	23	102	143	19	369	761	1,417
	ACRES	824	3,988	50,005	7,716	116,094	416,205	594,832

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest							1			
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									2	
Southern Area	5	9	42	184	2	11	4		228	257
Total	5	9	42	184	2	11	5	0	230	257

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